

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A metal pallet having:  
a top deck;  
a bottom deck; and  
at least two elongate bearers securing said decks together;  
each bearer having a first portion and second portion, each portion extends separately between said decks and has a top web and a bottom web connected to a central web by inclined portions.
2. (Original) The pallet according to claim 1, wherein said central webs of said first and second portions are releasably securable together.
3. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said central webs are substantially normal to said decks.
4. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said top and bottom webs are releasably securable to said decks.
5. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said webs are releasably securable to said decks and/or each other by fastening means.
6. (Original) The pallet according to claim 5, wherein said fastening means are threaded fasteners.
7. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein said pallet includes a plurality of holes for receiving each said fastening means.
8. (Original) The pallet according to claim 5, wherein said fastening means are welds or rivets.

9. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said pallet is of a generally rectangular configuration having a front edge, a rear edge and two side edges.

10. (Original) The pallet according to claim 9, wherein at least one edge includes a cover plate.

11. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one elongate bearer includes a stiffener.

12. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein at least one bearer includes an end cap.

13. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said top and/or bottom deck is of a profiled configuration.

14. (Original) The pallet according to claim 13, wherein said profiled configuration are corrugations.

15. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said pallet includes sheet material secured to at least one said deck.

16. (Currently Amended) The pallet according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein said pallet includes cavities for receipt of tines of a forklift or other handling equipment.

17. (Original) The pallet according to claim 16, wherein said cavities are located on all sides of said pallet.